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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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